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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shuji SAITO et al.

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Examiner: HINES, J.

For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR,
RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 5, 2002

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows.

A marked-up version of the amendments is included in this response.

A request for continued examination, a petition for a two-month extension of the response period and the requisite fee therefor are submitted concurrently herewith.